IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 1 in accordance with the following:

1.   (Currently Amended) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method for determining an ATM placement fee to be paid to a fee recipient entity in a nonbank location in which an ATM is installed under a payment-by-results contract with a service provider, comprising:

determining, <u>by a server computer,</u> when a credit card is used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the ATM related to web contents, whether or not a financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to a service provider that installed the ATM;

obtaining, <u>by the server computer,</u> when it is determined that the financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to the service provider that installed the ATM, electronic history information of the ATM, the electronic history information of the ATM consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

determining, <u>by the server computer,</u> the ATM placement fee, which is to be paid to the fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said obtained electronic history information.

2.   (Previously Presented) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 1, wherein said electronic history information includes a transaction history about one or more transactions that have been performed on the ATM.

3.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the number of transactions that have been performed on the ATM.

4.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the total sum of

money that has been transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions.

5.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM and the total sum of money transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions.

6.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

7.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

8.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the total sum of money that have been transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

9.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM, the total sum of money transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions, and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Previously Presented) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 1, wherein said electronic history information contains a transaction history about one or more transactions performed on the ATM.

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12. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the number of transactions that have been performed on the ATM.

13. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the total sum of money that has been transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions.

14. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM and the total sum of money transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions.

15. (Previously Presented) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 1, wherein said electronic history information is defined in terms of the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

16. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

17. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

18. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a combination of the total sum of money transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

19. (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 11, wherein said transaction history is defined in terms of a

combination of the number of transactions performed on the ATM, the total sum of money transacted on the ATM during the individual transactions, and the total length of time during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

20.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 1, wherein said electronic history information is a maintenance history of one or more maintenance operations that have been performed by said fee reception entity.

21.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is an item loading history of loading the ATM with a consumption item by said fee reception entity.

22.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is a problem solving history of solving one or more problems, which arose with respect to the ATM, by said fee reception entity.

23.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is a money loading history of loading the ATM with money by said fee reception entity.

24.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 23, wherein said money loading history is defined in terms of the total number of banknotes that have been loaded in the ATM by said fee recipient entity.

25.   (Withdrawn) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 23, wherein said money loading history is defined in terms of the total sum of money that has been loaded in the ATM by said fee recipient entity.

26.   (Original) An automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee determination method according to claim 1, wherein said ATM is an automated financial transaction machine (AFTM).

27.   (Previously Presented) A service providing system, comprising:
        an automated transaction machine (ATM), installed in a nonbank location of a fee

recipient entity under a payment-by-results contract with a service provider, for providing services to individual customers upon their request in a computer-implemented way;

an information management server determining, when a credit card is used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the ATM related to web contents, whether or not a financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to a service provider that installed the ATM;

a history information obtaining unit obtaining, when it is determined that the financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to the service provider that installed the ATM, electronic history information of said ATM, said electronic history information consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

an ATM placement fee determination unit, operatively connected with said history information obtaining unit, determining an ATM placement fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said electronic history information obtained in said history information obtaining unit.

28.   (Original) A service providing system according to claim 27, further comprising an ATM management station, communicably connected with said ATM through a communications network, for managing said ATM installed in said fee recipient entity, said ATM management station serving as said history information obtaining unit and said ATM placement fee determination unit.

29.   (Previously Presented) A financing system, comprising:

an automated financial transaction machine (AFTM), installed in a nonbank location of a fee recipient entity under a payment-by-results contract with a financial institution, for performing an electronic financial transaction upon a customer's request;

an information management server determining, when a credit card is used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the AFTM related to web contents, whether or not a financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to a service provider that installed the AFTM;

a history information obtaining unit obtaining, when it is determined that the financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to the service provider that installed the AFTM, electronic history information of said AFTM, said electronic history information consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on

the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

an AFTM placement fee determination unit, operatively connected with said history information obtaining unit, determining an AFTM placement fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said electronic history information obtained in said history information obtaining unit.

30.   (Original) A financing system according to claim 29, further comprising an AFTM management station, communicably connected with said AFTM through a communications network, for managing said AFTM installed in said fee recipient entity, said AFTM management station serving as said history information obtaining unit and said AFTM placement fee determination unit.

31.   (Previously Presented) An automated transaction machine (ATM), which is to be installed in a nonbank location of a fee recipient entity under a payment-by-results contract with a service provider, for providing services to customers upon their requests in a computer-implemented way, comprising:

a history information obtaining unit obtaining, when it is determined that a credit card used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the ATM related to web contents is issued by a financial institution that is identical to a service provider that installed the ATM, electronic history information of said ATM, the electronic history information consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

an ATM placement fee determining unit, operatively connected with said history information obtaining unit, determining the ATM placement fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said electronic history information obtained by said history information obtaining unit.

32.   (Previously Presented) An automated financial transaction machine (AFTM), which is to be installed in a nonbank location of a fee recipient entity under a payment-by-results contract with a financial institution, for performing a financial transaction upon a customer's request in a computer-implemented way, comprising:

a history information obtaining unit obtaining, when it is determined that a credit card used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the AFTM related to web contents is issued by a financial institution that is identical to a service provider that installed the AFTM,

electronic history information of said AFTM, the electronic history information consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

an AFTM placement fee determining unit, operatively connected with said history information obtaining unit, determining the AFTM placement fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said electronic history information obtained by said history information obtaining unit.

33. (Previously Presented) A recording medium in which a program for determining an automated transaction machine (ATM) placement fee to be paid to a fee recipient entity, in a nonbank location of which an ATM is installed under a payment-by-results contract with a service provider, is recorded, wherein said program instructs a computer to execute:

determining, when a credit card is used as payment by a customer for a transaction through the ATM related to web contents, whether or not a financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to a service provider that installed the ATM;

obtaining, when it is determined that the financial institution that issued the credit card used is identical to the service provider that installed the ATM, electronic history information of the ATM, the electronic history information of the ATM consisting of beneficial browsing that provides benefits to the financial institution as the service provider on the Internet as a result of browsing of the web contents; and

determining the ATM placement fee, which is to be paid to the fee recipient entity, in a computer-implemented way based on said obtained electronic history information.